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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

December 14, 2018

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
EPA Docket Center  
Mail Code 28221T  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Attention: Ms. Pamela Long

Re: Request for Public Hearing (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0226)

Dear Ms. Long:

In addition to the comments submitted on December 11, 2018 on the proposed Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date, and Reclassification of Several Areas Classified as Moderate for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Texas (83 FR 56781), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requests that the EPA hold a public hearing regarding this proposal. The TCEQ specifically requests that a hearing be held in or near Houston, Texas.

The TCEQ requests this hearing to provide testimony to the EPA regarding disagreement with the EPA's proposed deadlines for various state implementation plan (SIP) requirements including the proposed SIP submittal deadline for attainment demonstration and reasonable further progress SIP revisions and the proposed implementation deadline for reasonably available control technology (RACT). In the TCEQ's December 11, 2018 comments, the TCEQ recommends alternative SIP submittal and RACT implementation deadlines to account for the significant time, effort, and resources required for SIP development and to allow affected entities time to comply with new rule requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of hearing to allow additional comment and testimony to the EPA. If there are any questions concerning the TCEQ's request, please contact Ms. Donna Huff, Director, Air Quality Division, at 512-239-6628 or [donna.huff@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:donna.huff@tceq.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toby Baker", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Toby Baker  
Executive Director

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